

**Approved Minutes
Education Advisory Committee
February 24, 2014
City Hall**

Attendees

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Cory Sanders, <i>Dist 2</i> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Charlene Mahoney, <i>Dist 2</i> | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| Brian Bertges, <i>Dist 1</i> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Melissa Day, <i>Dist 3</i> | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| Carolyn Bernache, <i>Dist 4</i> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Doris Ellis, <i>Dist 4</i> | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| Peggy Wilson, <i>UMD</i> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

Also Present:

Peggy Higgins, Staff Liaison; Faheem Mahmooth, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Ms. Bernache called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. While the meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM, it had to start late due to traffic problems on Route 1.

Agenda Items

Reading and Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bertges asked to adjust the New Business section of the minutes to reflect that the meeting he attend was aimed at improving the school system in the county. The committee also pointed out a few other typographical errors in the minutes.

Mr. Bertges motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Sanders seconded before the EAC unanimously adopted it.

EAC Grants

Ms. Higgins informed the committee that the council approved both grants as recommended by the EAC. Ms. Higgins has also processed the purchase order for the grants and will contact the schools accordingly.

UMD Summer Camp Scholarship

Ms. Higgins said that the flier for the scholarship has already been sent out. The deadline for the scholarship is March 14, 2014. She said that the program is already getting a good response.

Ms. Higgins asked the committee for suggestions about a possible criteria to select applicants for the scholarship if the number of applicants exceeds the amount that can be funded by the committee. Ms. Higgins explained that the scholarship will cover one session per student and up to \$500 of the cost of the camp.

Mr. Bertges motioned that the order of priority for awarding the scholarships start with students who did not participate in the camps previously having the highest priority, followed by students who were awarded the scholarship previously. The lowest priority category would consists of students that were awarded the scholarship in the previous year, but did not attend the camp. Whichever group is not completely funded, a lottery will be conducted to determine who from among the group will be awarded the scholarship. Mr. Sanders seconded the motion.

Ms. Higgins pointed out that in addition to the \$6,600 allocated in the EAC budget for the UMD summer camp scholarships, there is an additional \$20,000 remaining from the EAC grants and an additional \$5,900 for other educational initiatives that the EAC may use to help fund the UMD Summer Camp Scholarships.

After discussion, the committee voted unanimously for the motion.

While the EAC will use the \$5,900 allocated for other educational initiatives for the camps, Ms. Bernache suggested forming a subcommittee to look into possibilities of using this \$5,900 budget line items for other projects in future years.

New Business

Budget

The EAC decided to maintain the same budget amounts for grants. Mr. Bertges motioned to approve a budget request similar to the previous year's budget, while providing Ms. Higgins the flexibility to revise the publicity line items after consulting her financial records.

Mr. Bertges informed the committee that the group of concerned parents, teachers, residents and principals, now calling itself Pace, will meet again on March 20, 2014. Mr. Bertges hopes to attend the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by the consensus of the committee. The EAC will meet next on March 17, 2014.

Minutes prepared by Faheem A. Mahmooth